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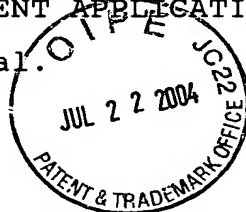
IN THE MATTER OF THE PATENT APPLICATION

OF: Masaaki HARASAWA et al.

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Title: Electric Connector for Electrically Connecting a Wire of One Article to a Contact of Another Article



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- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose an eighth Form PTO-1449, copies of the references cited thereon, and a copy (and English Translation) of a Japanese Office Action issued on June 29, 2004 in the counterpart Japanese Priority Application.
- 2) In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d), this IDS is being filed before payment of the issue fee, includes the required certification (see next paragraph), and is accompanied by a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) to cover the required fee of \$180.00. Note, the Issue Fee Transmittal is being submitted together with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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- 3) The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, as seen from the date of June 29, 2004 of the enclosed Japanese Office Action.
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- 5) The present references AK2 to AN2 are each accompanied by a partial English Translation. References AM2 and AN2 are further accompanied by an English Abstract. Therefore, no further discussion of the references is necessary.
- 6) Note that JP 2001-307799 was first cited in the enclosed Japanese Office Action among any and all communications from foreign patent offices in any counterpart foreign applications, but was previously cited herein as reference AC in our Second IDS of March 5, 2002. It is not being cited again herein along with a partial English translation.
- 7) Moreover, in the enclosed English translation of the Japanese Office Action, it can be seen why the Japanese Examiner considered these references to be relevant against the Japanese application claims. The Japanese Examiner's remarks are not adopted or ratified as accurate or relevant as to the allowed US

- Application claims, but are being submitted for the US Examiner's consideration of the possible relevance of these references.
- 8) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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